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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed April 25, 2003, please enter the following amendments and kindly consider the attached remarks. A Petition for an Extension of Time of three months is attached, up to and including October 27, 2003, with the required fees.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

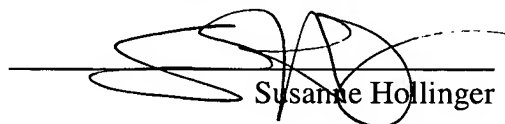
**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the "Listing of Claims", which begins on page 16 of this paper.

**Remarks and Arguments** begin on page 21 of this paper.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 CFR 1.8a)

I hereby certify that this Amendment and Response to Office Action, along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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